GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION OF EXCISE DUTY OF SSIS
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are promoting import of `Parts of Arms and Ammunition` into the country without customs duty;

(b) whether the Government are aware that adoption of this method is causing serious damage to the small scale industries that are manufacturing and supplying these goods in the country; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b): No Sir. Only those parts of arms and ammunition which are not indigenously produced in required quantity are imported by Ordnance Factories for defence purposes availing customs duty exemption. Therefore, the question of such imports causing serious damage to small scale industries manufacturing parts of arms and ammunitions does not arise.

(c) Does not arise in view of the above.